have access to all books, accounts, financial records, reports, files and other papers, items or property in use by the Council, as necessary to facilitate such audit, and such representatives shall be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances.

(Pub. L. 96–388, [§10], as added Pub. L. 99–190, §101(d) [title III, §324(3)], Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1224, 1267.)

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The Council shall submit to Congress by June 30, 1995, a report containing each of the following:

- (1) A description of the extent to which the objectives of this chapter are being met.
- (2) An examination of future major endeavors, initiatives, programs, or activities that the Council or museum proposes to undertake to better fulfill the objectives of this chapter.
- (3) An examination of the Federal role in the funding of the Council and its activities, and any changes that may be warranted.

(Pub. L. 96–388,  $\S11$ , as added Pub. L. 102–529,  $\S2$ , Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3463.)

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# § 1501. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter

National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated, a corporation organized under the laws of the States of New York and Colorado is hereby recognized as such and granted a Federal charter.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §1, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

## § 1502. Powers of corporation

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National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation") shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the States where it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §2, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

## § 1503. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of the corporation shall be to promote, in any and all ways, patriotic, sci-

entific, educational and civic improvement activities, public safety in skiing, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the dissemination of information with respect thereto and the formation of volunteer local patrols, consisting of competent skiers trained in the administration of first aid, for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to persons sustaining accidents; to solicit contributions of money, services, and other property for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out, the foregoing purposes in every way.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §3, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

#### § 1504. Service of process

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §4, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

#### § 1505. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §5, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

#### § 1506. Board of directors

The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States where incorporated.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §6, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2553.)

## § 1507. Officers

The officers of the corporation and the election of such officers shall be the same as is provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States where incorporated.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §7, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2554.)

## § 1508. Restrictions

#### (a) Distribution of income or assets to members

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

## (b) Loans

The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

#### (c) Political activities

The corporation and any officer and director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, shall not contribute to, support or other-

wise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

#### (d) Issuance of stock; dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §8, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2554.)

#### § 1509. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §9. Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2554.)

#### § 1510. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §10, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2554.)

#### § 1511. Annual report

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding calendar year. The report shall not be printed as a public document

(Pub. L. 96-489, §12, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2554.)

## § 1512. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §13, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2555.)

## § 1513. "State" defined

For purposes of this chapter, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 96-489, §14, Dec. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 2555.)

## § 1514. Tax-exempt status

The corporation shall retain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in title 26. If the corporation fails to retain such status, the charter granted hereby shall expire.

 $({\tt Pub.\ L.\ 96\text{--}489},\,\S\,15,\,{\tt Dec.\ 2},\,1980,\,94\,\,{\tt Stat.\ 2555.})$ 

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## § 1601. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter

Gold Star Wives of America, a corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New York, is hereby recognized as such and granted a Federal charter.

(Pub. L. 96-497, §1, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2595.)

#### § 1602. Powers of corporation

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Tax-exempt status.

Gold Star Wives of America (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation") shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 96-497, §2, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2595.)

## § 1603. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be, solely, that it is—

- (a) organized and operated in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, with terms of membership and requirements for holding office within the organization which does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin;
- (b) organized and operated solely for patriotic, charitable, literary, educational, scientific, or civic improvement purposes; and
- (c) organized for those purposes stated in its articles of incorporation which are not inconsistent with any of the foregoing objects and purposes.

(Pub. L. 96-497, §3, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2595.)

## § 1604. Service of process

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 96-497, §4, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2595.)

### § 1605. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be as provided in the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 96-497, §5, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2595.)